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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

FROM : S. D. Breckinridge
Deputy Inspector General

SUBJECT : Classification of Testimony of Mr. Sorensen on
21 July 1975, his Affidavit of 25 July 1975,
and Three 1963 NSC Memoranda

1. On the afternoon of Friday, 14 January 1977, I met with representatives of the Directorates of Operations and Administration. We reviewed simultaneously copies of the testimony of Mr. Sorensen on 21 July 1975, his affidavit of 25 July 1975, and the three memoranda as follows: 21 April 1963 memorandum by McGeorge Bundy; a record of a meeting of the NSC Standing Group on 23 April 1963, written by Bromley Smith; and, a 29 April 1963 agenda for a meeting, prepared by McGeorge Bundy.

2. We have agreed that there was no information in Mr. Sorensen's testimony or affidavit that should, of itself, be considered classified as of this date. All of the subject matter has been covered in great detail in the Interim Report of the Senate Select Committee on Alleged Assassination Plots.

3. It is noted that the three memoranda cited above were all classified Top Secret in the White House at the time they were written. They are all referred to in the SSC Interim Report of Alleged Assassination Plots, although they are not reproduced therein in full. A case can be made at this time for stating that the classifications they bear are no longer applicable, but a case can also be made that in their entirety they may still require classified handling. In any event, they were not classified by this Agency and the practice, during the recent investigations, has been to obtain White House concurrence for agreement to declassify.

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4. It is noted that while we can speak properly as to whether the contents of the testimony and affidavit warrant classification, we are in no position to address the conditions under which Mr. Sorensen gave his testimony in July 1975. Presumably the Senate Committee would like to address this question, even if it is only a formality.

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